

## EPD's November Police News/Reports

Date of Occurrence: November 3, 2013 @ 1500 hrs.

On Sunday, November 3, 2013, at approximately 3:00 p.m. officers responded to the 1300 block of Maple Avenue for several subjects fighting. The investigation revealed D-1 Theresa Rodriguez of the 1300 block of Maple Avenue had several physical confrontations with another female. At one point during the confrontation Rodriguez grabbed a knife and began chasing the victim down Maple Avenue. Rodriguez was charged with Aggravated Menacing and received \$1,500.00 secured bail.

Date of Occurrence: November 3, 2013 @ 1615 hrs.

On Sunday, November 3, 2013, at approximately 4:15 p.m. officers responded to the 1300 block of Maple Avenue for a burglary report. The victim advised that D-1 Angelia Sullivan entered her residence unlawfully and removed a wallet containing \$300.00 USC and a Delaware ID card. The victim confronted Sullivan and an argument ensued where Sullivan allegedly slapped the victim's 7 year-old daughter in the mouth with an open hand.

Sullivan was located a short distance away and taken into custody without incident. Sullivan was charged with Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>, Theft, Offensive Touching and two capias.

Date of Occurrence: November 4, 2013 @ 1800 hrs

On Monday, November 4, 2013, officers responded to the 1200 block of Maple Avenue for a neighbor dispute. Officers spoke with both parties, but could not locate any independent witnesses.

On Friday, November 8, 2013, officers responded to the same area for a vehicle fire. The Delaware State Fire Marshal's Office determined the fire to be Arson. A neighbor's surveillance video captured the arson incident as well as the neighbor dispute incident from November 4<sup>th</sup>.

After reviewing the surveillance video Elsmere officers charged Alainna Wells, 37, of the 1200 block of Maple Avenue with Harassment stemming from the November 4<sup>th</sup> incident. On Sunday, November 10, 2013, Ms. Wells was arraigned by Magistrate Court #11 and released on \$500.00 unsecured bond.

Date of Occurrence: November 5, 2013 @ 1310 hrs

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, at approximately 1:10 p.m. officers responded to Bungalow and Tamarack Avenue for a report of a pedestrian struck. Upon arrival officers located 18 year old Jesus Martinez trapped beneath a van.

The Elsmere Fire Company and New Castle County Paramedics were able to free the victim. The victim was air lifted by Delaware State Police to Christiana Hospital. The victim was treated for head injuries and later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

The driver of the vehicle fled the scene, but was later located in the area of Rt.2 and Rt. 7 by the Elsmere Police. The driver of the vehicle was identified as the victim's sister; Sheila Martinez. Both the victim and defendant reside in the 200 block of Bungalow Avenue, Elsmere.

D-1 Sheila Martinez is being charged with Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of PI Accident and Failure to Report an Accident.

Martinez was video arraigned by Magistrate Court # 2 and released on \$25,000 unsecured bail.

Date of Occurrence: November 6, 2013 @ 0345 hrs

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at approximately 3:45 a.m. officers were approached by a CSX worker about a person walking on the railroad tracks in the area of Public Works building. Officers checked the area and caught D-1 Sean Skutt walking around same. After checking the area officers discovered a large stash of scrap metal. Skutt confessed that he entered Sobieski's property on Hadco Road and removed the scrap metal from a dumpster.

Skutt was charged with Theft and released on unsecured bail.

Date of Occurrence: November 8, 2013 @ 0415 hrs

The Delaware State Fire Marshal's office has arrested a thirty nine year old male for the November 8 Arson of a vehicle in the 1200 block of Maple Avenue in Elsmere, DE.

John Wells, 39, also of the 1200 block of Maple Ave., Elsmere was taken into custody Friday evening by State Fire Marshal Deputies at his residence without incident. Mr. Wells was charged with Arson 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court 2. He was released on \$5,000 unsecured bail.

The incident occurred early morning on Friday November 8, 2013. The Elsmere Fire Company responded to the 1200 block of Maple Ave for a report of a vehicle on fire. Upon Fire Department arrival the vehicle was heavily involved in fire. State Fire Marshal Deputies were called to the scene and determined the fire to be Arson.

Date Reported: November 20, 2013

On November 20, 2013, officers responded to Parklyn apartments for a late reported criminal mischief to a vehicle. Officers made contact with the resident who advised that his Chevy Blazer appeared to have a bullet hole in the rear passenger side door. He advised his vehicle was parked on Ruth Rd in front of building between 11/13/13 and 11/20/13.

Cpl. Sowden conducted a neighborhood canvass and spoke to multiple residents who reported hearing a few shots on Saturday 11/16/13 at night, coming from the area of the rear firehouse parking lot. Apparently there was a function at the firehouse that night. There were no 911 calls that evening.

This incident is still under investigation.

Date of Occurrence: November 21, 2013 @ 1340 hrs

On Thursday, November 21, 2013, at approximately 1340 hrs. officers responded to the unit block of Bungalow Avenue for a home invasion. At the time of the home invasion the residence was occupied by a female and her 17 month old child. The two suspects entered the home displaying a gun and knife. Elsmere Police, New Castle County PD and the Delaware State Police canvassed the area for two males, possibly black or Hispanic. A reverse 911 call to area residents assisted officers in apprehending a juvenile suspect in the area of the 1600 block of Montgomery Road.

The 14 year-old unidentified juvenile defendant has been charged with Kidnapping 1<sup>st</sup> (2 cts), Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Home Invasion, Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony and Conspiracy. The Defendant was also wanted on two outstanding capias for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> and Truancy. The Defendant was video arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court # 11 and bail was set at \$106,000 cash for the new charges and \$1,000.00 cash for the capias. The defendant was remanded to the New Castle County Detention Center.

Date of Occurrence: November 22, 2013

On Friday, November 22, 2013, officers were again dispatched to the area of Richard Avenue for a suspicious person. Officers made contact with the individual who an employee of Commerce Energy. The individual was going door to door asking about Delmarva bills. Officers have warned employees of Commerce Energy on several occasions that they needed a town business license. When officers checked at this incident they discovered Commerce Energy still did not have a town business license. Officers contacted Code Enforcement and they responded out to issue a \$500+ citation as they did not take their warnings seriously.